



**PATENT**

Atty. Docket No.: 2876 (203-3345)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Schechter et al.

Examiner: Not Assigned

Serial No.: 10/712,486

Group: Art Unit 3739

Filed: November 13, 2003

Dated: March 5, 2004

For: COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR  
RF OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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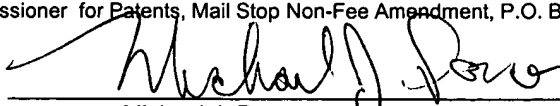
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Respectfully submitted,



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.